

I. Amendment to the Claims

Please amend claim 28 as shown below. Please cancel claims 1-27 and 29-33 without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.

1.-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method of repairing a fractured bone, comprising:

screwing a device through a bone fragment, the device comprising:

an elongated shaft having a bone penetration section extending distally from a bone exterior section about a shaft axis, the bone penetration section being shorter than the bone exterior section, the bone penetration section including a fragment section and a bone anchor section located distally to the fragment section, the bone anchor section having threads with a major diameter of the threads being greater than a diameter of the fragment section; and

a compression engagement on a distal end of the bone exterior section, the compression engagement providing a shoulder extending at a substantial angle to the shaft axis, the shoulder being wider than the major diameter of the threads of the bone anchor section; [[and]]

further screwing the device such that the bone anchor section advances into an anchor bone with the fragment section in the bone fragment and with the bone exterior section extending outside the bone with a length extending outside the bone longer than the bone penetration section, with the compression engagement in contact with an exterior surface of the bone fragment to provide a compressive force on the bone fragment toward the anchor bone; and

moving the compression engagement axially on the elongated shaft to position the compression engagement in an axial position to make substantial contact with an exterior surface of the bone fragment when the bone anchor section advanced to a final position;

wherein the screwing act and the further screwing act occur in a reverse direction such that the device is inserted into the anchor bone prior to engaging the bone fragment, while the moving the compression engagement axially on the elongated shaft occurs

in a forward direction, opposite to the direction the device was introduced to the bone.

29.-38. (Canceled)